

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend gospel music artist Kurt Carr upon the occasion of his twentieth anniversary in the industry.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pay homage to those inspirational artists who perform pure and passionate gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Carr is an exemplary artist who has inspired and uplifted audiences with his unique musical style for decades and, in 2012, he is celebrating a laudable twenty years in the gospel music industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr will celebrate this outstanding achievement at the Cummings Street Baptist Church in Memphis on February 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Memphis has a rich heritage in all forms of music and, in celebration of Kurt Carr's stellar career, nearly twenty gospel recording artists will grace the stage of the Cummings Street Baptist Church to pay tribute to this phenomenal man; and

WHEREAS, the church stage will be filled with Grammy Award-winning artists such as Richard Smallwood and Tramaine Hawkins; Tony Award-winning actress and singer, Jennifer Holliday, of the original Broadway production of *Dream Girls*; Memphis's own chart-topping gospel vocalist, Sherri Jones-Moffett; Stellar Award-winning gospel vocalist, Beverly Crawford; and a host of other national and international gospel musicians and radio personalities; and

WHEREAS, the church will host numerous assorted activities to celebrate the occasion: on February 22, there will be a Mix & Mingle with Kurt Carr at Alchemy Memphis; on February 23, Mr. Carr will tour St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and, later that day, he will be greeting his fans at LifeWay Christian Store-Centennial Commons; and on February 24, Mr. Carr will participate in exclusive media interviews and photo shoots, and his roster of guests will be granted access to all certified media; and

WHEREAS, the event will be hosted by Larry Crawford of Children Sing Productions and is sponsored in part by Mid-South Transplant Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to specially commend Kurt Carr for spreading the Good News of the Gospel through his inspiring brand of gospel music, for entertaining his faithful fans, and for sharing his talents and his pure love of music with the world for more than twenty years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kurt Carr, one of gospel music's most talented musicians, upon the occasion of his twentieth anniversary in the industry, recognize his ongoing legacy of creating beautiful music with an inspirational message, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.